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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 19, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 39. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to codify the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 72. An act to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills were signed on January 19, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 19, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 84. An act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bill was signed on January 19, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, and upon recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2022: Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(a) of the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 114-215), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission: Mr. McCarthy of California and Ms. Stefanik of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Ms. Matsui of California.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 20, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 84. An act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointments of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 133. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-2).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEE:

S. 177. A bill to provide for congressional review of the imposition of duties and other trade measures by the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 178. A bill to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 179. A bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 180. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 181. A bill to ensure that certain Federal public works and infrastructure projects use materials produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 182. A bill to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. LEE):

S. 183. A bill to allow for expedited approval of generic prescription drugs and temporary importation of prescription drugs in the case of noncompetitive drug markets and drug shortages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SASSE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 184. A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.